GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DISCREPANCIES IN BPL LIST
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some discrepancies have been detected in the list of Below Poverty Line(BPL) families;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Government to rectify these lapses;

(e) whether responsibilities have since been fixed;

(f) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against those held responsible; and

(g) the time by which all the people living BPL are likely to be included in the list?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a),(b),(c),(d), (e),(f) & (g): The BPL Census is conducted by the State Governments and UT Administrations for identifying the rural poor for which methodological guidelines and some financial support is provided by the Ministry of Rural Development. At present the BPL list for rural areas consists of families who are listed during the BPL Census, 1997. This list has been in operation ever since its finalization and no discrepancies in the list have come to the notice of the Government. The State Governments have been suggested to conduct a new BPL Census 2002 covering the rural households only. The results of the Census have not been finalized so far.